

# **Qatar investors eye world famous shipyard – report**

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**Qatar investor wants to buy the historic Gdynia shipyard in Poland, whose strikes in the 1970s helped bring down communism in the country, it was reported on Tuesday.**

The investor, the Polska newspaper claimed, is thought to be Qatar Investment Authority, which is interested in using the Gdynia shipyard to build ships for gas transport.

The country is the only one on a list of 36 possible bidders that wants to buy the facility as a whole and continue ship production, the Polish paper reported.

The yards are world famous for protests in the 1970s, which were followed by former Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's strikes in neighbouring Gdansk.

But the yards ran into financial hardship after the fall of communism in 1989, and were kept afloat by state aid and production guarantees.

Poland has agreed to sell the yards' assets and use the proceeds to repay creditors and return illegal aid to the state.

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